PATENT APPLICATIO

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date

For:

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In re the Application of

Pierre CAROL et al.

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cDNA SEQUENCE TRANSCRIBING AN mRNA ENCODING THE TERMINAL OXIDASE

ASSOCIATED WITH CAROTENOID BIOSYNTHESIS, AND USES THEREOF

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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